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Dear Mr. Lockhart:

EPA and CDH received your request for an extension of the submittal date for the revised final RFI/RI Workplan for Operable Unit 5 (OU 5). As lead regulatory agency, EPA grants the extension. CDH's recommendation to grant this extension is enclosed. The new submittal date for the revised workplan is December 9, 1991. This extension is granted with the following understandings:

1. Workplan revisions addressing CDH's comments regarding the southern areas of the buffer zone and EPA's comments regarding drainages south of Woman Creek will be submitted as an addendum by January 17, 1992.

2. The investigation strategy for the old landfill may be phased to first define contamination boundaries and address the potential for contaminant migration and second, to address source characterization. The strategy will be detailed in the revised workplan.

3. DOE, EG&G, CDH, and EPA staff will determine the need for a geophysical survey of the ash pits. If required, this survey will be detailed in the revised workplan to be submitted on December 9, 1991.

4. The revised workplan will include a site conceptual model.

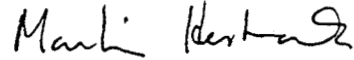
We appreciate the difficulties presented by a change of project management. However, DOE must exercise diligence to ensure that such difficulties do not contribute to schedule delays. The extension is granted because we believe remaining issues can be resolved within the timeframe proposed and we are interested in ensuring progress on OU 5. This extension shall not affect any other Interagency Agreement schedule nor constitute grounds for seeking additional extensions. It is EPA's and CDH's expectation that the draft Phase I RFI/RI Report will be submitted on November 30, 1993.

ADMIN RECORD

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or the extension please contact Bonnie Lavelle at (303) 294-1067.

Sincerely,



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